

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**April 3, 2001**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Clancy, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

Absent: Alderman Pariseau

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to read the Resolution by title only and it was so done.

Resolution:

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for FY2001 CIP 511501 Maple Street Skateboard Park."

On motion of Alderman Hirschmann, duly seconded by Alderman Vaillancourt, it was voted that the Resolution ought to pass and be Enrolled.

2001 CIP Budget Authorization:

511501 Maple Street Skateboard Park

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Clancy, it was voted that the CIP budget authorization be approved subject to final adoption of related Resolution.

Alderman Wihby moved to read the Appropriating Resolution by title only.  
Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion.

Appropriating Resolutions:

“Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2002, Raising and appropriating Monies Therefore and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of Two Hundred and Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Two Dollars and Ninety Nine Cents (\$205,832.99) from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution Appropriating to the Manchester Aggregation Program the sum of \$758,516 from Aggregation Fees for the Fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$705,000 for the fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$12,791,347 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental protection Division for Fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$34,951,867 from Special Airport revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$114,844,857 for the Fiscal Year 2002.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$3,751,196 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2002.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2002.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in Fiscal Year 2001 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year Under the Financing Agreement.”

Alderman Levasseur asked on the Central Business Service District, have we not sent out any tax bill. We usually send it out twice a year.

Mr. MacKenzie answered I know that the tax bill for the current fiscal year has not been sent out. Normally it is sent out once a year.

Alderman Levasseur asked the bill for the CBSD is only sent out once a year.

Mr. MacKenzie answered yes.

Alderman Gatsas asked the Manchester Transit Authority, is that the number you have given them.

Mayor Baines answered that is the number in our budget.

Alderman Gatsas asked are you asking for us to approve this number.

Mayor Baines answered this is the first round of the budget process. It can be changed at any time. This is just to put the resolutions out there.

Alderman O'Neil asked can we dispense with the readings.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered I don't mind if you dispense with the readings, but before any further action is taken I really need to discuss with the Board public hearing dates based on your CIP situation and the lateness that this is being introduced. You have expedited projects and my understanding is...

Mayor Baines interjected you have dates to suggest, right.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered we do but I think based on what Mr. MacKenzie indicated to the Board earlier my suggestion is that you are going to hold two separate public hearings. One for the CIP much earlier than the regular budget. We also need some consensus from the Board on some general dates. Right now you have a motion to read by title only. Perhaps you can get someone to move to dispense with the readings and we could talk about the subject matter.

On motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to dispense with the readings.

Deputy Clerk Johnson suggested that a motion be made to recommend referral of the first resolution to public hearing on April 16, which is a Monday evening, at 7 PM. That is an evening when the Mayor was available. It would have to be held here in the Chambers because we do not have a school available. The expedited projects for CIP need to be referred in with the public hearing items.

Mayor Baines stated Alderman Wihby is asking why we can't have the public hearing on both the CIP and regular budget on one night.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied you could except that Memorial High School was not available for April 16. If you are taking up the full City budget plus the CIP budget in the Chambers, I am not sure if there is adequate space.

Alderman Wihby stated I am not sure that it is fair to make the citizens come twice.

Alderman O'Neil replied we do every year.

Mayor Baines stated CIP draws a certain crowd and this Chamber will be filled.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated we can do some research and see if we can find another site for it and presuming that we can we can order the public hearing for both budgets on April 16.

Mayor Baines stated why don't we establish that date tonight and we will look for a site that could accommodate the larger crowd.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked what if we had two different times like 6 PM and 8 PM.

Deputy Clerk Johnson answered you can do that if you want.

Mayor Baines stated why don't we try that. Is that okay with the Board?

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated the date would be April 16 and do you want to hold it in the Chamber and do two separate times or do you want us to look for a different site.

Mayor Baines replied why don't we tentatively schedule it in the Chamber and let me talk to the Clerk's Office and see if we can find a bigger space.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to refer the Resolutions to a public hearing on Monday, April 16, 2001 at a time and place to be determined by the City Clerk's Office in consultation with the Mayor.

**TABLED ITEM**

6. Report of the Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration advising that it has accepted the attached open invoice report for School invoices and is submitting same to the Board for informational purposes.  
(Tabled 01/02/01 - Note: left on table to allow verbal updates from Finance Officer, as desired.)

This item remained on the table.

Alderman Levasseur stated since we are in Finance, the meeting that you had with the School Board over the deficit, when will that be brought in to us. Is that part of Finance or part of the CIP process or are we going to go through that during the budget.

Mr. Clougherty stated I believe it will be brought in as part of the budget. It will also be addressed as part of the audit. When the auditors for the City come in they will give you an explanation of all of that. We have been told to expect what we need by next week from the School District.

Alderman Gatsas asked will the auditor who did the audit for the School District be here if we have questions on the audit.

Mayor Baines answered we can always make that request. I will be happy to invite him to the meeting.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Clancy, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk